

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A person authentication system, a person authentication method, an information processing apparatus, and a program providing medium according to the present invention are provided to authenticate a person who uses an information apparatus in data communication.

A person authentication certificate storing a template which includes person authentication data is used in the person authentication system. A person authentication execution entity checks the validity of the certificate on the basis of a certificate expiration date, a certificate usage number limit, or a template expiration date in person authentication processing on the basis of the certificate. The person authentication is executed by comparing the template with sampling information input by a user if the validity is confirmed. A person identification certificate authority updates the certificate or the template according to the request of the entity or the authenticated person.